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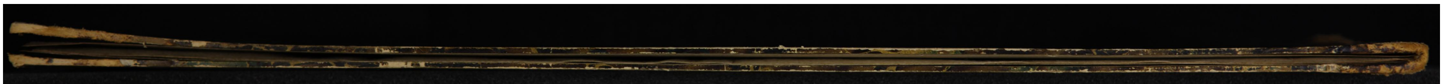
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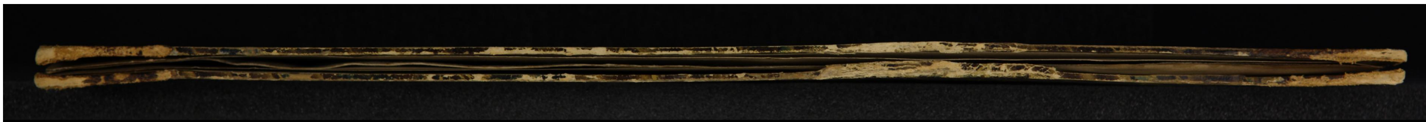
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EPITAPHIUM.

CLARISSIMO ET OMNIGENA ERVDITIONE VIRTVTEQVE ORNATISSIMO VIRO D. IOHANNI PRATENSI AARVSIENSI MEDICINÆ PARACELSICÆ ET GALENICÆ DOCTORI EXCELLENTISSIMO OB INGENITAM NATVRÆ BONITATEM, MORVMQVE INCOMPARABILEM SVAVITATEM OMNIBVS CVIVSCVNQVE STATVS HOMINIBVS, ET CHARISSIMO ET DESIDERATISSIMO.

QVid iuuat, aſſiduis Studio impalleſſcere Chartis,
Et Sophiæ Antiquæ ſenſa repoſta ſequi?
Per Mare, per Terras, duros ſubiiſſe Labores,
Vt liceat celſa Palladis, Arce frui?
Si Mors cuncta abolet, ſi non timet arma Mineruæ,
Doctrinam ingentem ſi leuis Hora rapit.
Occidit, ah dolor ah, Iuuenilibus occidit Annis,
PRATENSIS, quo vix Doctior alter erat;
Quicquid habent etenim veterum monumenta Sophorum,
Diuini quicquid Scripta Platonis habent,
Et Paracelſe tuas expertus, calluit, Artes,
Doctorum licet hic, vulgus inane, ſtupet;
Siue Machaonia, Medicamina conderet, Arte,
Non dubiam ſenſit, plurimus æger, Opem:
Siue Poli Leges ſcrutatu[illegible], [illegible]anderet Aſtra,
Excelſa [illegible], ſu[illegible]ra, [illegible].
Pieridumq; adeò fuerat [illegible]s in vlnis.
Vt Decus & Specime[illegible]tibus eſſe, darent:
Quàm facilè is poterat, cu[illegible] Muſica læta placeret,
Et voce, & fidibus, [illegible]lce ſonare Melos;
Singula quid referam? c[illegible]ctas percalluit Artes,
Docctrinæq; ingens ha[illegible]uſerat omne genus:
Et pariter Virtutis aman[illegible], Iuſtusq;, Probusq;,
Suauibus & placidis Moribus, auctus erat;
Non vlli nocuit, non Inuid[illegible]a corda gerebat,
Profuit ille Bonis, pe[illegible]tulit ille Malos;
Quàm pulchrum eſt Homi[illegible] p[illegible]ter Doctũ eſſe Probumq;!
Cum Doctus, malus e[illegible], Lausq; Decusq; perit.
Hunc ſed vtroq; Bono, ſiq[illegible]uidem Natura beauit,
Gratior hinc cunctis, [illegible]lusq; adamatus erat.

Is tamen ante diem, medio ſub flore Iuuentæ,
Concidit: ò ſæuum Ius Libitina tuum!
Iamq; valens, Mortis minimùm fera Tela timebat,
Cum Iuuenem iaculis, inſidioſa ferit;
Qui toties Terras, toties Mare tutus obiuit,
Fortè ſedens, alios dum Docet, Ecce perit;
Non rapere hunc bellax poterat Germania, non hunc
Gallia, dum mutua cæde timenda furit:
Nil nocuere Alpes, nec celſior Appenninus,
Dum Latii, procul hinc, celſa Theatra videt:
Obfuit haud ſæuis vicina Vngaria Turcis,
Nilq; alia à noſtris diſſita Regna focis;
Debuit in Patria, mediis permixtus Amicis,
Inq; ſua Egregius, ſtans Statione, mori;
Ut Mors congrueret Vitæ qu[illegible] ſemper Amicis,
Et Patriæ [illegible] [illegible]fficiis;
Armaq; cum Morti con[illegible] [illegible]lurima haberet
Vt niſi ab Inſidiis ſuccumbiſſe nequit,
Id metuens, Iuuenem non vi ſed Fraude petebat,
Nec prius indicto Marte, inopina rapit.
Sed quid in hoc victo, tantum Mors ſæua Triumphas?
Quem tibi dum licuit vincere, victa iaces:
Nam, velut is viuus, coluit pia Dogmata CHRISTI,
Sinceræ, ex animo Relligionis amans.
Si[illegible] [illegible]oriens Animam, CHRISTO concredidit, idq;
Non vetuit, quamuis Mors inopina foret;
Teq; extrema trahens Suſpiria, CHRIRTE vocauit
Qui nos perpetuò nè moriamur, Obis:
Te Duce nunc igitur, victa de Morte Triumphans,
Et Mundi & Mortis, deſpicit Inſidias.

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Manibus Amicj Optimi & deſideratiſſimi,
Viuo quod promiſerat, perſoluit:
TYCHO BRAHE
Vranibutgj.
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